

SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 21, 1999

2:00PM

Blatt Building, Rm. 433

Minutes of the Meeting

Members Present: William Barnet, Rosie Berry, James Bennett, Jim Bryan, William Gummerson, Susan Hoag, Alex Martin, Fern Howard (for Doug McTeer), Nikki Setzler, Joel Smith, Henry Spann, Bob Staton, Ronald Townsend, Lynn Thompson, Larry Wilson

- I. Welcome: Mr. Barnet welcomed members of the Committee and the public to the meeting. He introduced Dr. Terry Siskind and Mrs. Doris Edwards, members of the EOC staff.
- II. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of two meetings, January 12 and January 21st, were approved as submitted with a correction in the day of the January 12th meeting to Tuesday.
- III. Election of a Vice Chair: Upon nomination by Lynn Thompson and seconds by Nikki Setzler and Alex Martin, Dr. Rosie Berry was elected Vice Chairperson of the Education Oversight Committee.
- IV. Subcommittee Reports:
 - A. Mr. Wilson reported on behalf of the Academic Standards and Assessments Subcommittee. He presented the criteria that shall be used in the evaluation of the content standards. Upon acceptance of the criteria, the Committee forwarded the criteria to the State Board of Education for its concurrence. The process is scheduled to begin in February. Mr. Wilson updated the Committee on the progress in development of prototype report cards and the results of the survey.
 - B. Mr. Staton reported on behalf of the EIA and Improvement Mechanisms Subcommittee. The Subcommittee has not met since the December EOC meeting, but did provide draft copies of the program review process.
 - C. Mr. Bennett reported on behalf of the Parent Involvement Subcommittee. A work plan has been developed and the first task force meeting is scheduled for February.
 - D. Mr. Smith reported on behalf of the Public Awareness Subcommittee. The survey results are to be announced on January 26 and the events related to that announcement were detailed. The Fund has a small balance (\$1650).
 - E. Mr. Barnet reported that the Staff and Administration Subcommittee had not met. Dr. Anderson presented the February 1 report of the Accountability Division. A draft Annual Report of the Education Oversight Committee is to be discussed at the February meeting.

V. New Business/General Discussion:

Mr. Wilson discussed the Education Issues document developed in conjunction with several members of the Palmetto Business Forum and educators. Dr. Anderson is to work with Dr. Stewart from the State Chamber, Mr. McTeer from the Governor's Office and a representative of the State Department of Education to develop a cost analysis. There was discussion that the same criteria used for EIA/EAA program effectiveness should be used with these issues. Dr. Berry asked for an alignment of PBF issues with other initiatives.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.